

**Reformation Sunday, October 26/27—Wear red as we
celebrate Martin Luther and the Reformation**

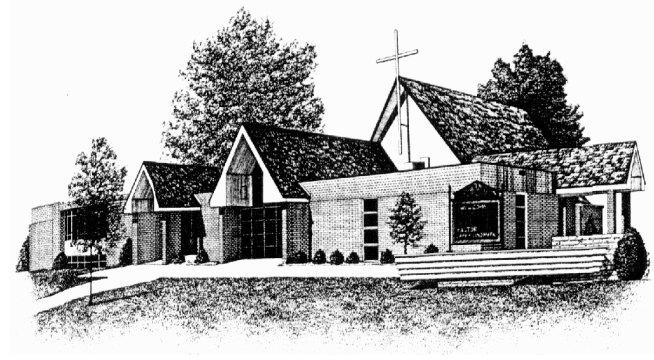
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**Grace-Gifted, Faith-Lifted
Called to Share, Seek, and Serve Christ**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have to admit that the last month or so has felt like a whirlwind. I know that many of you have felt the same way. As we have gotten back into the swing of school with homework and sports and other activities and the program year at church has begun with Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, and choirs, things just seem to be going non-stop. The seasons are changing as the temperatures drop, the trees are becoming more colorful, hope for the harvest is beginning and the days are getting shorter. Add to all of this the fact that we are following all of the events in the lives of our friends via social media and the events of the world on any number of venues, and sometimes, it all seems to be too much. I know that for me, there are days when I wonder which end is up and whether I will ever be able to stop long enough to take a breath and really take it all in. I wonder how it is that I fit into the craziness of this world that seems to be changing faster than I can comprehend. I would suspect some of you feel similarly.

Thankfully, in the midst of my breathlessness, I find comfort in the words Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans. Paul knew all too well about the craziness of the world in which those who followed Christ were living in his day. He knew the suffering that the world was facing – the world is groaning, Paul writes. And Paul wrote to the church in Rome to remind them that they were not alone in the chaos and breathlessness of the world in which they were dwelling. Paul reminded them that the Holy Spirit was there for them. Paul writes:

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

And I am finding hope in that promise in these days for myself. Even when I do not know what to think or to pray, when I wonder about the craziness of this world and my own life, when I just want to curl up in my bed and hide, the Spirit is there, interceding for me, lifting up my needs and concerns even when I don't have the words to express them. Knowing that the Spirit is there with me gives me comfort and courage to continue to move forward, to share the good news of God in Jesus Christ in the midst of the busyness and chaos, and to live in faith and hope for the future that God has in store for us and allows us to glimpse even now.



Birthday wishes are extended to the following members who are celebrating birthday number 70 or above.

Ruth Jurgens	October 2
Dorothy Kuhl	October 2
Donald Stoltenberg	October 2
Henry Storjohann	October 3
Robert Reese	October 6
Magda Brodersen	October 10
Judith Koehler	October 11
Robert White	October 15
Connie Rohwer	October 16
Larry McBride	October 20
Geralean McLaughlin	October 22
Dennis Kelly	October 22
Ruth Heuer	October 23
Delores Rathjen	October 26
Luella Wiese	October 29



Doug & Sharie Garner	October 3
Don & Shirley Stoltenberg	October 6
Bud & Dottie House	October 8
Larry & Sue McBride	October 28



BAPTISMS IN SEPTEMBER: We welcome these children into the Body of Christ and into our Faith family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism:
9/15 **Sutton Tyler Durant**, son of Tyler & Olivia Durant Carter's sponsors were Paige Durant and Dustin Storjohann.

The Stoltenberg's want to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during my illness. Praise the Lord for the help to get Don and I through this time of need!!!! Don and Shirley Stoltenberg

We keep in our prayers . . .

. . . the family and friends of Elizabeth Spies. Betty passed away September 7th and her funeral was celebrated here at Faith September 13th.



MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP Thank you to Ida Weibel for sponsoring our missionaries Patrick and Jackie Bencke, Japan. Thank you to Dennis & Deb Peterson for sponsoring our Compassion Child, John Chima. And, Thank you to Brad & Janet Merrick for sponsoring our Compassion Child, Denisse Grefa, for October.

The cost for sponsorship is \$40/month each for John and Denisse and \$45/month for Patrick and Jackie Bencke. Your sponsorship can be placed in the offering plate, in a pew envelope marked appropriately for the person you are sponsoring.



THE NORTH SCOTT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR OCTOBER:

Any sort of Stuffing Mix, Cake and Brownie Mixes

I pray that you find the same hope in these promises and that in these changing days of autumn you might find time to sit back and relax, to watch the changing colors, to breathe in the breath of the Spirit, and to be renewed in God's presence.

Blessings,
Pastor Carrie

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST

We had a great start to our Sunday School year with our first Congregational Breakfast on September 8. As you can see from the pictures, we were practicing our strong tree poses as we considered our strength in Christ. Our next Congregational Breakfast will be on **Sunday, October 13, at 9:15 am**, when our Faith Five will center on the story of the ten lepers. This will be a coordinated potluck, so we invite you to sign up to contribute to the breakfast on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. We look forward to seeing you there!!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite you to join us for Adult Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:15 am, except for the weekends of Congregational Breakfast. We are continuing our *Animate: Bible* series which we began last spring.



CONFIRMATION UPDATE

We have had a great start to the Confirmation year as we have begun the year by talking about Lutheran History. The youth have had great questions as we have studied Martin Luther and the Reformation, and we look forward to many more weeks of engaging discussion to come. We also look forward to our annual Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt on September 25 and a bowling event on October 16.



NEXT CHILDRENS' MILESTONE: PRESCHOOL/ KINDERGARTEN WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 20TH

Faith Milestones



All preschoolers and kindergartners along with their parents will get to have fun exploring the sanctuary with Pastor Heather. We'll play games, sing songs, and go on a scavenger hunt so that we can learn more about the importance of worshipping together. Class will begin at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall on October 20th. During the 10:30am worship service, a special recognition and blessing will be given to the participating children prior to the Children's Message. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, October 19th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Janet Nagle
Ushers:	Brad & Janet Merrick
Reader:	Tom Bauer
Communion	Jan Fahrenkrog
Acolyte	Hunter Dean & Kalob Kroeger
Counters:	Mike & Rita Smith
Open/Close	

Sunday, October 20th

	8 amWorship	10:30 am Worship
Greeters:	Dave & Linda Golinghorst	
Ushers:	Carol Roe & Karen Schmitt	The Newman Family
Reader:	Linda Golinghorst	Jim Schneider
Communion	Dave Golinghorst	Joleen Newman
Counters:	Ken & Sue Oetzmann	Dan & Deanna Nielsen
Open/Close		

Saturday, October 26th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Barb Paustian
Ushers:	Brad & Janet Merrick
Reader:	Sue Braack
Communion	Sue Braack
Counters:	John * Keri Suiter
Open/Close	

Sunday, October 27th

	8 amWorship	10:30 am Worship
Greeters:	Carol Strobbe	Everett Broberg
Ushers:	Ken & Sue Oetzmann	Mike & Gayle Staples
Reader:	Carol Judge	Gayle Staples
Communion	Joni Schneider	Michelle Rasmussen
Counters:	Don & Shirley Stoltenberg	David & Betty Griffin
Open/Close		



OCTOBER FAITH FAMILY: Group 8
Family Head: Carol Judge
October Family Group 9 - Mike & Annette Tomlinson

Saturday, October 5th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Gary Mueller & Carter Harms
Ushers:	Tom Bauer & Carol Kuehl
Reader:	Carter Harms
Communion	Jan Fahrenkrog
Counters:	Bob & Carol Kuehl
Open/Close	

Sunday, October 6th

	8 am Worship	10:30 am Worship
Greeters:	Carol Marten	Ron & Jane Bainter
Ushers:	Doug & Sharie Garner	Kris Schwien & Tim Broberg
Reader:	Joni Schneider	Linda Szmekus
Communion	Joni Schneider	Kris Schwien & Everett Broberg
Counters:	Carol Roe & Ruth Staudt	Allen & Carolyn Lewis
Open/Close		Bread Baker: Magda Brodersen

Saturday, October 12th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Gary & Joni King
Ushers:	The King Family
Reader:	Joni King
Communion	Joni King
Counters:	Gary & Joni King
Open/Close	

Sunday, October 13th

	8 am Worship	10:30 am Worship
Greeters:	Doug & Sharie Garner	Jim & Donna Gruenhagen & Zach Powell
Ushers:	Duane & Lynda Miller	The Mess Family
Reader:	Lynda Miller	Jim Gruenhagen
Communion	Mary Ann Anderson	Donna Gruenhagen
Counters:	David & Ruth Knoer	Dan & Mary Ann Anderson
Open/Close		12

High School Youth

JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS:

High School Youth Group will continue to meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Youth Room. We will gather for games, snacks and Bible study as we continue to look at the book of Job and consider the struggles that we face in this life and where God fits into that.



The High School Monthly Event for October will be on **Sunday, October 13, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service.** We will plan to go to lunch at Freddie's and then go miniature golfing at Lil' Mississippi Golf.

The Summer Mission Trip had to have a slight change. Due to issues beyond our control which changed the dates that Atlanta would be a site, we have decided go to West Virginia July 11-18 (this includes a day of travel on each end) with Serve Boldly. If you would like to join us for this mission trip, please give Pastor Carrie a check for \$150 written to Faith Lutheran Church with "Mission Trip Deposit" in the memo line no later than October 1. Parents who would like to chaperone this trip, please let Pastor Carrie know by October 1 as well.



Remember, friends are always welcome to join us for any of these events, so please invite your friends to come!!



HOMEcoming TAILGATE

Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a free tailgate supper before the Homecoming Parade Thursday, October 3 @ 5:15 pm. Come join us for free hotdogs, chips, popcorn, and lemonade. Stay to



Halloween Trunk-or-Treat at Faith

On Thursday, October 31, we will host Trunk-or-Treat in the Faith parking lot. Anyone who would like to decorate their trunk and hand out candy or other treats is invited to do so. The Scott

County Library Bookmobile will join us in the parking lot with their Haunted Bookmobile. If you would like to donate candy to the event, please drop off candy to the church office by the 31st.



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Teens ... Please help keep our nursery going. We need volunteers to be in the nursery during the 10:30 am worship.

NURSERY
Volunteers

If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Women of Faith News

ALL WOMEN OF FAITH...

ARE INVITED TO JOIN A GROUP OR CALL A LEADER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR DATES

Hannah Group - Thurs., October 24th at 7:00 pm

Contact Lynda Miller 285-8613

Lydia Group - Thurs., October 31st at 7:00 pm

Contact Linda Szemkus 285-9788

Quilts of Many Colors

Quilting Work Days Tues., October 15th at church

Serving Sticks

If you like to crochet or knit, please join us to make prayer shawls.
October 13th & 27th at 6:30 p.m. at church

OCTOBER NURSERY GUILD

Karin Schmeink Chairperson
Jeri Fenn



OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Mary Ann Anderson Chairperson

Sue McBride
Carolyn Scheibe
Rita Smith
Gretchen Small
Carolyn Hulsén
Marcia Donaubauer



SOUTHEAST IOWA CLUSTER 6 MEETING

Women of The ELCA of Southeast Iowa Cluster 6 will meet here at Faith Lutheran Church, Saturday, October 12 starting at 8:30 a.m., ending at 11:30. This is our work day, come and help tie quilts and roll bandages, all to go to Lutheran World Relief. All women are welcome.

We're Still Looking for Readers!

We are looking for people who would be willing to read the scriptures at worship services. If you would like to be added to the list, please call the church office at 285-4501 or email: faitheldridge@netins.net.

**Thanks
for Your
Help!**

THANK YOU TO THE BULLETIN AND
AMBASSADOR CREW for your help getting these
publications assembled each month!!!

Save the Date: Community Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, November 19

The annual North Scott Community Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 19, at 6:00 pm at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Pastor Carrie will be the preacher for the service. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining your brothers and sisters in Christ in giving thanks to God for all that God provides for us.



Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

OCC collects shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world. Everyone of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel. In the hands of local churches, it is a powerful tool for evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication. Many shoebox recipients also enroll in the 12-lesson follow-up discipleship

program, The Greatest Journey, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. You can be a part of this worldwide effort to grow the Kingdom of God even in places where the Gospel has never been heard.

The weekend of October 7-8 the Operation Christmas Child pack a shoebox event will begin. Pick up a box or two to pack for a boy or girl along with a tag for that gender. You will be asked to select an age group to which your gift will be given. There will be a display of items that you can look at, but don't let that put limits on your own ideas. We do ask that you NOT include any toothpaste, makeup, or liquids. If you pack bars of soap, please place them in a Ziploc bag to minimize the odors in the boxes.

Each box, regardless of weight, costs \$9 to ship across the world. You have the opportunity to donate to the shipping costs if you so choose. There will be a box on the display for donations. Checks should be written to Faith Lutheran Church with the note OCC.

Our goal this year is to pack at least **75 boxes** (last year we packed **122**). We have 100 OCC boxes, if we run out feel free to use a shoe box you may have at home and cover it in Christmas wrapping paper so that it can still be opened. A plastic shoe box could also be used. We will be tracking the shoeboxes again this year so we know where the children are that received your gifts.

The packed boxes must be brought back to the church by November 5th?.

If you have any questions please call Joni Schneider at 285-5829.



BEER, BIBLE STUDY

Our next Beer Bible Study (BBS) gathering will be on Thursday, **October 24, at 7:30 pm** at the home of Brad and Sam Yanke. Bring yourself and your favorite beverage, and feel free to invite friends, as we discuss matters of faith together.



It's almost that time of year!! Rehearsals for this year's Christmas cantata will begin on Wednesday, October 16, 6:30-7:15 p.m., in the sanctuary. We welcome all individuals high school age or older to participate. The cantata performance will take place on Sunday, December 8, at the 10:30 service. Come join with the Senior Choir in this annual tradition! Questions may be directed to our Choir Director, Susan Becker,

*Forgot your checkbook... again?
How many Sundays did we miss?*

With "Simply Giving", our Church can still meet it's financial commitments because your gift will be there on schedule (even if you can't be there).

Forms are on the welcome center counter in the narthex.
They can also be found on the church website:

www.faithlutheraneldridge.com

OCTOBER 2019

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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